

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 498
ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2026**

4G AND 5G PROJECTS IN TRIBAL AND PVTG AREAS

498 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tribal and PVTG villages that have been provided 4G and 5G mobile connectivity during the last five years, along with coverage status, year-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, disbursed and utilised therefore including under projects supported through Digital Bharat Nidhi and any initiatives taken under PM– JANMAN for those areas, during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated sanctioned, disbursed and utilised for expanding telecom infrastructure in those regions during those years, year-wise; and
- (d) the funds disbursed and utilised by BSNL and other service providers, year-wise and service provider-wise for providing connectivity in those areas?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) Number of tribal and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) villages that have been provided 4G and 5G mobile connectivity by telecom service providers during last five years is available on Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
- (b) to (d) 5G mobile services are rolled out by the telecom service providers themselves on techno-commercial consideration. Government has mandated to provide 4G mobile connectivity in uncovered villages across the country including tribal and PVTG villages, through DBN. Rs. 12,702.15 crore has been disbursed by DBN during last five financial years to provide 4G Mobile connectivity in uncovered villages, including tribal and PVTG villages. Total funds disbursed through DBN to provide 4G mobile connectivity during last five years are available on DBN website (<https://usof.gov.in/en/home>).
